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- ☐ Response to Office Action ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☒ Postcard reflecting enclosures
- ☒ Response to Restriction or Election Requirement
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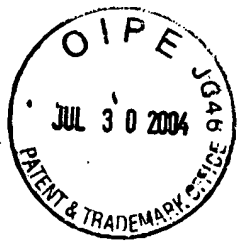
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Communication mailed on 07/02/2004 for the above application imposed a two (2) way restriction requirement between the asserted inventions of Groups:

- I. claims 1-13, drawn to a composition, classified in class 252, subclass 181; and
- II. claims 14-17, drawn to a method classified in class 210, subclass 626;

In order to strictly comply with the Examiner's requirement in the above restriction requirement, and without agreeing to the propriety of the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention of Group 1, including claims 1-13, drawn to a composition.

MPEP section 803 states (underlining added) "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."


The Examiner has not shown it would be a "serious burden" to perform a complete search and examination on all of the claims as originally filed. Alternatively, the Examiner has not shown it would be a "serious burden" to perform a complete search and examination on more than just Group 1 but less than all of the originally filed claims. Since

the Examiner has not made any showing of undue burden, each of the above requirements for restriction and election is respectfully traversed and the Examiner is respectfully urged to withdraw or modify the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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